

Assignee : Hansen Beverage Company
Reissue of Patent No.: 6,044,983

COMMENTS

Claims 20-48 have been added. Claims 1-48 are now pending in the present application.

Claims 20-48 are in Condition for Examination on the Merits

Applicant has added new Claims 20-48 which recite subject matter previously disclosed but not claimed. Applicant therefore submits that no new matter has been introduced. In support of new Claims 20-48, Applicant has set forth below an explanation of the support in the disclosure for the new claims, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.173(c).

With respect to new Claim 20, Applicant respectfully directs the Examiner to Column 2, lines 57-64, and Column 3, lines 3-6.

With respect to Claims 21-23, 25, 26, and 38, Applicant respectfully directs the Examiner to Column 3, lines 25-28, lines 41-44, Column 4, lines 14-18, and Column 5, line 27.

With respect to Claims 24, 35, 42, and 47, Applicant respectfully directs the Examiner to Column 2, lines 62-64.

With respect to Claims 27, 33, 34, and 37, Applicant respectfully directs the Examiner to Column 4, line 65 - Column 5, line 15.

With respect to Claims 28 and 29, Applicant respectfully directs the Examiner to Column 3, lines 52-59.

With respect to Claim 30, Applicant respectfully directs the Examiner to Column 2, lines 52-64 and Column 3, lines 3-6.

With respect to Claim 31, Applicant respectfully directs the Examiner to Column 1, lines 44-50.

With respect to Claim 32, Applicant respectfully directs the Examiner to Column 6, lines 10-27.

With respect to Claim 36, Applicant respectfully directs the Examiner to Column 2, lines 56-64 and Column 3, lines 3-6.

With respect to Claims 39, 40 and 45, Applicant respectfully directs the Examiner to Column 4, lines 5-10.

With respect to Claims 41 and 48, Applicant respectfully directs the Examiner to Column 4, lines 22-50.

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With respect to Claims 43, 44, and 46, Applicant respectfully directs the Examiner to Column 2, line 50 - Column 3, line 6.

Notice of Concurrent Litigation

Applicant would also like to bring to the Office's attention that the Assignee of U.S. Patent No. 6,044,983 has recently filed a lawsuit in the Eastern District of California alleging infringement. The lawsuit is presently pending.

CONCLUSION

Applicant therefore submits that the present reissue application is in condition for examination on the merits. If any undeveloped issues remain or if any issues require clarification, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call Applicant's attorney in order to resolve such issue promptly.

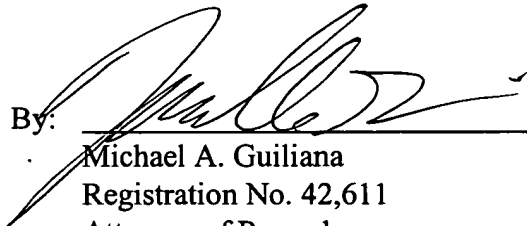
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